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SUBJECT: SPECIAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

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1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER CHONG IL-KWON
ANNOUNCED JULY 25 THAT SPECIAL TEN DAY ASSEMBLY SESSION
REPORTED REFTEL WILL BEGIN AUGUST 1.

2. PRESS REPORTS ADDITIONAL DETAILS GOVERNMENT-
OPPOSITION OF AGREEMENT TO HOLD SESSION AS FOLLOWS:

- NDP HAS AGREED NOT TO USE ASSEMBLY AS PARTY
CAMPAIGN FORUM.

- PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER CABINET MEMBERS
WILL REPORT TO ASSEMBLY ON AGENDA ITEMS.

- AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEBATED ARE (A) SECURITY AND
DIPLOMACY; (B) ECONOMY; (C) EDUCATION, INFORMATION AND
SOCIAL AFFAIRS. (NDP FLOOR LEADER QUOTED AS SAYING
DEBATE ON REPEAL EMERGENCY MEASURES LIKELY TO BE
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INCLUDED IN DISCUSSION OTHER AGENDA ITEMS.)

3. PRESS HAS REVIVED SPECULATION AS TO WHETHER CONSTITUTIONAL IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION FOR REMARKS MADE IN ASSEMBLY SESSION STILL VALID IN SPITE OF EMERGENCY MEASURES. THIS IS THE NDP POSITION. HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT CLAIMS THAT ASSEMBLYMEN CAN BE PUNISHED FOR STATEMENTS WHICH VIOLATE EMERGENCY MEASURES.

4. NDP AND DRP WILL MEET JULY 26 TO PLAN ASSEMBLY STRATEGY. KEY ISSUE FOR NDP WILL BE PICKING TWO DESIGNATED SPEAKERS FOR EACH AGENDA ITEM. KIM YONG-SAM HAS REPORTEDLY REQUESTED TO SPEAK, BUT PARTY HAS NOT ANNOUNCED DECISION TO ALLOW ANY OF CANDIDATES FOR PARTY PRESIDENT TO TAKE FLOOR.
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